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SUBJECT: DEATH OF US CITIZEN

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1. STANSEL'S BODY STILL NOT RECOVERED AS OF NOON JANUARY 9. TWICE DAILY OVERFLIGHTS OF BEACH CONTINUE. IF BODY NOT RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED, FOUR YEARS WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED FOR LEGAL DECLARATION OF DEATH UNDER HONDURAN LAW.

2. DISAPPEARANCE GAVE RISE TO MEDIA INTEREST IN ST. PETERSBURG - TAMPA AREA, WITH EMBASSY RECEIVING TWO CALLS FROM REPORTERS. A MR. WALTERS OF FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ALSO CALLED JANUARY 6 A.M. SAYING STANSEL DUE APPEAR IN COURT THAT DAY FOR DRUG CHARGE HEARING.

3. USC RESIDENT LEO MILLS OF TEGUCIGALPA REPORTS STANSEL STAYED AT HIS HOME NIGHT OF DECEMBER 30 BEFORE RETURNING TO ROATAN. HE SAYS STANSEL HAD TICKET FOR RETURN U.S. JANUARY 2. MILLS ADDS THAT ONLY EYEWITNESSES TO STANSEL'S LAST LIVE, JANET WOOD OF CHICAGO AND PAMELA HUNT OF PITTSBURGH, STAYED AT HIS HOME AFTER NEW YEARS DAY BEFORE RETURNING TO U.S. MILLS OFFERED TALK WITH ANY USG OR FLORIDA OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN STANSEL CASE.

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